

**Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
*May 12, 2017*

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The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was noticed and agenda posted on, Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Dr. Darla Burnett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2017 at 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Present were Board Members, Drs. Darla Burnett, Phillip Griffin, Koren Boggs, Jesse Lambert, Amy Henke; and, Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic.

Dr. Burnett opened the meeting by reading the Board's Declaration of Purpose.

Dr. Lambert moved to approve the agenda for the day. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

The Board reviewed and discussed the meeting minutes from April 7, 2017. Dr. Boggs moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2017 as discussed. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Dr. Griffin moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1, to review complaints, conduct oral examinations and file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

Dr. Griffin moved to close executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board opened the meeting to the public at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Kim VanGeffen, LPA Liaison to the LSBEP; Dr. J. Steven Welsh, LSSP Committee Member; Morgan T. Sammons, Ph.D., ABPP, Executive Officer for the National Register of Health Service Psychologists; and, Molly C. Clark, Ph.D., ABPP, Vice-Chair, National Register of Health Service Psychologists Board of Directors were present for the open meeting.

Dr. Griffin requested to take the Agenda out of order since Drs. Sammons and Clark, were present early for their meeting with the Board. Hearing no objections, Dr. Burnett affirmed the request and invited Drs. Sammons and Clark to present information regarding services provided by the National Register in Health Service Psychologists (NR) as well as hear their request for Louisiana to accept the NR credential as a form of reciprocal licensing for psychologists. The Board agreed to take the information presented into consideration and provide a response after they have an opportunity to further discuss the matter.

Dr. Griffin requested to again take the Agenda out of order since Dr. Welsh was present for the LSSP Committee Discussion item regarding an Opinion concerning the definition of School System, LA R.S. 37:2352(10). Hearing no objection, Dr. Burnett affirmed the request and opened this item for discussion. Following discussion, Dr. Welsh agreed to bring the matter back to the LSSP Committee to formulate a draft Opinion.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Board received the following committee reports:

**Executive Director Report** – Ms. Monic reported on the following:

- Former LSBEP Prosecuting Attorney, E. Wade Shows had passed away. The Board offered condolences.
- Rules on Fees, Ethics and Supervision are on target for final publication in the June 20, 2017 register. No comments have been received related to the proposed rules.
- LSSP Committee will meet June 6, 2017, they will review the nominations to provide recommendations to the LSBEP for their next appointment to the committee.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Dr. Burnett reported that she reviewed and approved Leave Reports for Ms. Monic.

Dr. Burnett reported that she reviewed and approved Bank Reconciliations prepared by Ms. Monic from March 2017. The Board reviewed and by motion of Dr. Griffin, unanimously accepted the financial statements prepared by Valerie Dominique, CPA for February and March 2017.

**Oral Examination Committee Report** –Dr. Boggs reported the oral examination of Bryce B. Summers, Ph.D. was postponed at the request of the candidate due to extenuating circumstances. 5 Oral Examinations were conducted this day as follows:

***Matthew Calamia, Ph.D.*** appeared before Board Members, Drs. Burnett, Lambert and Henke for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Henke moved that the Board grant **Dr. Calamia** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

***Joshua A. Looser, Ph.D.*** appeared before Board Members, Drs. Griffin and Boggs for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Griffin moved that the Board grant **Dr. Looser** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in School Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

***Alta Grace Jennings, Ph.D.*** appeared before Board Members, Drs. Griffin, Boggs, Lambert and Henke for licensure via reciprocity with Texas. Dr. Lambert moved that the Board grant **Dr. Jennings** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Counseling Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Boggs – YEA, Henke - YEA.

***Kendall G. Jasper, Ph.D.*** appeared before Board Members, Drs. Burnett, Lambert and Henke for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Henke moved that the Board grant **Dr. Jasper** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

**Andrew J. Thrasher, III, Ph.D.** appeared before Board Members, Drs. Griffin and Boggs for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Griffin moved that the Board grant **Dr. Thrasher** a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

**Jurisprudence Examination Committee** – The committee reported that a question had been raised about an item #8 on the Jurisprudence Examination. Dr. Boggs requested that the item be sent to the Committee for review.

Due to time restraints, the following committee reports were tabled:

*Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards Report; Continuing Professional Development Committee; Long Range Planning/Awards Committee; LBAB Liaison; LSBEP Education & Outreach*

**Legislative Oversight Committee Report** – Dr. Burnett deferred her report for discussion.

**Supervision/Credentials Review** - Dr. Burnett reported the results of the file reviews conducted this date in Executive Session as follows:

**FILE REVIEWS [LSA-R.S. 42.6.1]:**

Dr. Lambert reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Shelley R. Visconte, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the EPPP upon receipt of additional requested information. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Irving A. Arevalo, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm his Candidacy status and invite him to take the EPPP, further approving his plan for specialization in Clinical Neuropsychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Burnett reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Allison Palmisano, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the EPPP. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Mariblanck I. Bush-King, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the National Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Udakobong N. Ikpe, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm her Candidacy status and invite her to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed and presented the Application for License of **Mark Schexnaldre, Ph.D.** to the Board with a motion to confirm his Candidacy status and invite him to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed and presented the Application for License via Reciprocity with Texas of **James Porter David, Jr., Ph.D.**, noting that Dr. David has not taken an Oral Examination for licensure. Dr. Griffin moved to confirm his Candidacy status and invite him to take the Oral and Jurisprudence Examinations for Licensure. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed the Application for Provisional License of **Corinne A. Schild, Psy.D.** Dr. Griffin moved that the Board confirm her Candidacy status and approve her Provisional License to Practice Psychology pending passing scores on the Jurisprudence Examination. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed the Application for Provisional License of **James A. Hernandez, Ph.D.**, along with a request for exception to the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part LXIII. Psychologists §709.(C)(3). Dr. Griffin moved that the Board approve his request for exception pending receipt of additional supervisory contract and attestation; confirm his Candidacy status; and approve his Provisional License to Practice Psychology pending passing scores on the Jurisprudence Examination. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Henke reviewed the Temporary Registration of **Tony Strickland, Ph.D.**. Dr. Henke, finding the requirements for Temporary Registration had been met, recommended the Board approve **Dr. Strickland's** registration pending receipt of passing Jurisprudence Examination. The Board discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffin reviewed and approved the Supervised Practice Plan for **Sarah K. Thomas**; Dr. Griffin also approved the Supervised Practice Plan for **Hilary L. Adams, Ph.D.**, upon receipt of the Verification of Completion of Doctoral Degree Requirements.

**Complaints Committee:** - The following cases were reviewed by the Board in executive session:

1. **P16-17-05C** – Dr. Darla Burnett presented this matter to the Board with a recommendation to consult the Board’s General Counsel on moving forward on this matter. The Board discussed this matter and the recommendation of Dr. Burnett. After discussion, by motion of Dr. Henke, the Board voted to move forward and accept the recommendation of Dr. Burnett by roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

2. **P16-17-06C** – By motion of Dr. Lambert this matter was tabled as it was not finalized for review or consideration by the Board. Motion approved by roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

3. **P16-17-09C** - Dr. Sasha Lambert presented this complaint to the Board with a recommendation to dismiss. The Board thoroughly discussed this complaint and recommendation. After discussion, by motion of Dr. Jesse Lambert, the Board voted to close the matter without further action by roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

4. **P16-17-10C** - Dr. Sasha Lambert presented this complaint to the Board with a recommendation to dismiss. The Board thoroughly discussed this complaint and recommendation. After discussion, by motion of Dr. Griffin, the Board voted to close the matter without further action by roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

5. **NP16-17-12B** – Dr. Darla Burnett presented this matter to the Board with a recommendation to dismiss. The Board discussed this matter and the recommendation of Dr. Burnett. After discussion, by motion of Dr. Griffin, the Board voted to move forward and accept the recommendation of Dr. Burnett by roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

6. **NP16-17-11C** – Dr. Darla Burnett presented this matter to the Board with a recommendation to dismiss. The Board discussed this matter and the recommendation of Dr. Burnett. After discussion, by motion of Dr. Griffin, the Board voted to move forward and accept the recommendation of Dr. Burnett by roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

7. **PQ vs CD** – Dr. Darla Burnett presented this matter to the Board with a recommendation to dismiss. The Board discussed this matter and the recommendation of Dr. Burnett. After discussion, by motion of Dr. Griffin, the Board voted to move forward and accept the recommendation of Dr. Burnett by roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

8. **Petition for Judicial Review: Eric Cerwonka vs. Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists: No. C656587 Section 24** – The Board reviewed the Petition for Judicial Review in this matter and the Summary Report provided by Attorney Amy Groves Lowe concerning the Status Conference held on April 21, 2017. The Board approved moving forward with a judicial review before the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court in lieu of rehearing.

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

1. **LSSP Committee Discussion (Opinion regarding the definition of “School system” LA R.S. 37:2352(10))** – Taken out of order, see page 1.

2. **Insurance/Medicaid Reimbursement of Interns** – The Board discussed this item. Dr. Boggs moved that the discussion be continued at the next meeting of the LSBEP. The motion passed without objection

3. **Defining Provisional License, Scope and Limitations** - Due to time constraints, this item was tabled, without objection, until the next meeting of the LSBEP.
4. **LPA Presentation** - The Board reviewed and discussed final touches on the June 3, 2017 Presentation to LPA.
5. **License/Revenue Development – Inactive License Status** - Due to time constraints, this item was tabled, without objection, until the next meeting of the LSBEP.
6. **2017 Legislative Session (Attached Bill Tracker for Discussion Items)\*** - The Board discussed in detail Senate Bill No. 75, Senate Bill No. 38 and Senate Bill No. 37 of the 2017 Regular Legislative Session.
7. **Records Storage (Inquiry from Holcomb)\*** - The Board reviewed an inquiry from Matthew Holcomb, Ph.D. concerning electronic records storage and disposal of original records. The Board had no concerns with Dr. Holcomb's proposed record keeping policy. The Board opined that regardless of the means of storage, record keeping practices that are within the guidelines of the APA Ethics Code, the statutory authority for medical records in Louisiana, and that are HIPAA compliant, are acceptable.
8. **Legal Contracts 2017-18\***
  1. **Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips (TPBP)** – By motion of Dr. Griffin, the Board unanimously approved an amendment to the July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019 contract with TPBP to add an additional \$12,000, needed for continued legal services.
  2. **Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson (BSW)** - The consideration of this contract was tabled until July 2017.
  3. **Roedel, Parsons, Koch, Blanche, Balhoff & McCollister** – The consideration of this contract was tabled until July 2017.
  4. **Other** - The Board designated Dr. Amy Henke and Ms. Jaime Monic to conduct interviews for additional legal counsel for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year.
9. **Inquiry from Dr. Gail Gillespie regarding Continuing Education** – The Board reviewed the inquiry from Dr. Gillespie concerning continuing education and agreed to provide Dr. Gillespie with the following guidance: 1. The Board would not be concerned with awarding a three-hour credit of continuing education if there were a 10 minute bathroom break during that time period. 2. The board would not consider networking and socializing an acceptable CE activity. Acceptable Continuing Professional Development, under any category listed in the LAC Title 46 Chapter 8 (formal or informal) must be learning activities that increase professional development and meet the three objectives listed under Section 801.
10. **Complaints Committee (Ad hoc Study Group)(JL)** – Due to time constraints, this item was tabled, without objection, until the next meeting of the LSBEP.

Dr. Henke moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.